

## **What's New at the Alternative Fuels Data Center**

### **March 2001**

Listed below are new publications and other information made available in March through the U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. For more information or questions, contact Wendy Dafoe at [wendy\\_dafoe@nrel.gov](mailto:wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov), or call 303-275-4470.

#### **Clean Cities Conference**

- ◆ The conference is fast approaching. The preliminary agenda is available from the Hotline.

#### **Under Development**

- ◆ We are developing a Web-based toolbox with information for Coordinators, to debut at the conference. Debbie Brodt-Giles will be contacting some of you for input and review.

#### **New on the Web**

- ◆ Everyone should have received a password and instructions on the Tiger Teams Web page, <http://www.ccities.doe.gov/tiger.html>. If you haven't, please write to Wendy Dafoe at [wendy\\_dafoe@nrel.gov](mailto:wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov), or call 303-275-4470. If you have a prospective Tiger Teams project, we encourage you to complete the online form. The Technical Assistance Review Committee (TARC) can evaluate the request, and advise you if it is appropriate for Tiger Teams action. Even with just a preliminary inquiry, please use the form--it helps provide complete information about your request. And don't hesitate to submit any project that might be appropriate for assistance.
- ◆ The Clean Cities Strategic Plan, as presented at Washington Day 2001, is available on the Web at <http://www.ccities.doe.gov/pdfs/ccstrategic.pdf>. It is also linked to "What is Clean Cities?" and "What's New." If you have difficulty printing it from the Web, call the Hotline for a hard copy.
- ◆ The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) released its Ethanol Industry Outlook 2001 report in March. It is available in html and pdf format at <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/rfareport2001.html> or at <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/RFAannualreport01.pdf>. The report examines the importance of ethanol as an additive, and discusses current production status. This report is also linked to "What's New" on the Clean Cities Web site.
- ◆ Learn more about fuel cells from OTT's new fact sheet in the "Just the Basics" series. See "Just the Basics: Fuel Cells," at [http://www.ott.doe.gov/pdfs/fuelcell\\_basics.pdf](http://www.ott.doe.gov/pdfs/fuelcell_basics.pdf).
- ◆ A success story has been added, detailing American Airlines' replacement of all diesel ground-service vehicles with electric vehicles at the El Paso, Texas airport. See [http://www.ccities.doe.gov/success/el\\_paso\\_airport.shtml](http://www.ccities.doe.gov/success/el_paso_airport.shtml).
- ◆ Congratulations to the Triangle Clean Cities Coalition in North Carolina for becoming the 80th member of the Clean Cities Program on March 19, 2001. See the DOE press release <http://www.energy.gov/HQPress/releases01/marpr/pr01039.htm>.
- ◆ In March, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman directed EPA to move forward with its rule to make heavy-duty trucks and buses run cleaner. See the EPA press release and link to information about the final rule at [http://www.epa.gov/epahome/headline2\\_022801.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/headline2_022801.htm).

### **New Documents In The Database**

Remember that new documents are listed and linked on <http://www.afdc.doe.gov/newdocuments.html>.

- ◆ A new Niche Market case study, titled “Airport-based Alternative Fuel Vehicle Fleets,” was printed and distributed in March. It describes the airport "niche market," and explains why ground support equipment and landside vehicles are excellent candidates for alternative fuels. Included are success stories from Denver International, Los Angeles International, and Boston Logan. Copies are available from the Hotline or at <http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/AirportAFVFleets.pdf>.
- ◆ Also new is the six-page SuperShuttle CNG Fleet Study Summary. It's on the Web at [http://www.ott.doe.gov/otu/field\\_ops/pdfs/SuperShuttle.pdf](http://www.ott.doe.gov/otu/field_ops/pdfs/SuperShuttle.pdf), and is available in hard copy from the Hotline.
- ◆ New guidance for State and Alternative Fuel Provider Fleets was printed in March, and copies were sent to Coordinators. Commonly referred to as the “Blue Book,” the document is available from the Hotline, and on the Web at <http://www.afdc.doe.gov/pdfs/bluebook.pdf>.
- ◆ A new study of anti-idling devices for heavy trucks is available from Argonne National Lab. Titled “Analysis of Technology Options to Reduce the Fuel Consumption of Idling Trucks,” it is available at <http://www.ipd.anl.gov/ttrdc/publications/pdfs/esd-43.pdf>.
- ◆ The American Methanol Institute has published a new edition of the report, “Beyond the Internal Combustion Engine.” Included is a new Executive Summary. See <http://www.methanol.org/fuelcell/special/ami.pdf>, or <http://www.methanol.org/fuelcell/special/execsum.pdf>. The file is large, and may take time to download.